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January Meetings

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Religion dies not from attack but from neglect. When religion becomes not important, it ceases to grow. This is true with churches, groups, or individuals.

With the above as the background, the three conferences of State Superintendants, Missions Council, and the Directors of Religious Education of Congregational churches met in consecutive sessions from January 22 to 29. In each of these conferences the dominant idea was to arouse leadership to aggressive and constructive methods of attacking the lethargy and indifference so apparent in religious life today.

There is a vast amount of undeveloped man-power, unused and untrained for service. This can and must become a mighty force for righteousness.

It is recognized that but one-third of our church membership is doing the work and in a more or less efficient way, but all need training in modern methods. Another third of the membership is not employable, some of this group being too young, others sick, and still others are absent. The other third needs to be enlisted and serviceably trained. It is in this group of indifferent ones that our greatest weakness lies, and it is also here where we can and must work to bring into active service these latent possibilities for greater power.

Again, our growing youth seeks to build the world anew. They are protesting the past, seeking to right the present, and planning in their youthful way to build constructively in the future. Here is not indifference, but impatience and potential power for progress if rightly directed. They need and welcome instruction, and we must provide the way. Several plans are suggested, and they blend together for effectiveness. It is proposed:

1. That representative men and women of national reputation and of practical experience lead in week-end group discussions in the training of picked leaders of the churches of the state, these picked leaders to become leaders in district groups in several smaller areas and later in local communities.

2. Workers' conferences to train present and new workers to be available for Sunday school teachers and young people's work. "These workers' conferences must mean for us three kinds of help—a richer and more impressive understanding of Jesus' teaching, a discovery of the methods which make his teaching so effective, and inspiration from him for our teaching task."

3. The arousement of indifferent church members to loyalty and devotion and to discontinue their "absent treatment" at church services. The minister is not only worthy of his hire, but of a hearing. He must have not only a message but messengers to carry the message. Our individual members must become not indifferent, but devoted and loyal.

4. Summer conferences for our nation-wide youth of high school and college age to the number of 180,000, and also for the definitely neglected older young people. These all must become even more effectively trained and kept in active service. At present

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GAIN AFTER SIX LONG YEARS

There is a real note of victory in our report of benevolence receipts for the year 1936 up to the closing of the books on January 11 last. There was a gain of $700 over 1935. This is not large in comparison with the total, but it is the first gain since 1930, and that is encouraging. It must be remembered that the totals set forth here are of the money remitted **through the Conference Treasury** and do not include gifts sent directly to the offices of the American and Home Boards.

For the Home Boards, including the Council for Social Action (This is a gain of $242.95 over 1935)	$ 6,033.75
For the American Board (Foreign Missions) (This is a gain of $135.06 over 1935)	7,752.51
For our State Ministers' Relief Society (This is a gain of $143.34 over 1935)	1,115.15
For our State Conference and Home Missions (This is a gain of $181.59 in comparison with 1935)	17,519.25
Total for State, Home, and Foreign Work (This is a total gain of $702.94, or 2 1/5 per cent over 1935)	$32,420.66

Hurried compilations made by the Missions Council for the Evanston meeting indicate that receipts from northern California, including direct remittances to the Boards, amount to $33,917.00, a gain of $614.00 or 1.84 per cent. These figures are subject to correction.

For the country as a whole, the gain was $5,546.00, or .41 per cent. Thus once more northern California churches have made a better showing than the average throughout the country.

Our congratulations go to our sister conferences of Oregon and Washington which made very substantial gains. A further cause for rejoicing is that all but four of the middle west states which suffered so severely a few years ago, made gains in 1936, but an occasion for deep concern is that all but two of the New England states showed losses.

While we have made a gain, for which we are sincerely grateful, let it be remembered that receipts for 1936 are only 58.2 per cent of those for 1930, or a loss of 41.8 per cent. For the country as a whole, the loss has been more than 50 per cent.

BELL OF AFRICA

Rev. William C. Bell, the first graduate agriculturalist ever sent into the foreign field, who served in West Africa for 37 years, is in northern California for the first three weeks of February. He is speaking at church services, women's groups, at fellowship suppers and at evening church gatherings. He carries with him a suitcase full of curios, and in many places is giving lectures illustrated with stereopticon slides. Although retired from the active service of the Board, Mr. Bell is so deeply interested in the problems of Africa and in the program of our missionary enterprise that he is widely welcomed as a speaker and discussion leader.

His schedule in northern California includes Fairfax, Alameda, San Francisco Grace-United, San Rafael, Redwood City, Eureka, Ferndale, Cloverdale, San Francisco First, Pacific Grove, Campbell, Antioch, Hayward, San Francisco Ocean View, Lodi, Stockton, Ripon, Oakland Pilgrim, San Mateo, and Tulare.

MODERN ADMINISTRATION

"As superintendent, I act as a sort of liaison between China and America and a coordinating influence, but the thing I do not and could not do is to 'run' the hospital. I don't think it will be many years before I will not be needed even as an honorary superintendent. My function then will be that of representative of the folks in America and their interest, and to help keep up our medical in spite of all the influences that drag them down.

"Just now we are in the process of a reorganization which will add one step in the direction of increasing local interest in and responsibility for the medical work. The control of the hospital is to be turned over to a board of managers which will be more closely tied up with the local government and community, and on which the foreign representation will be increasingly small. This step has been tried elsewhere, with very happy results. There has been increasing local interest and confidence in the hospitals, and perhaps a more receptive attitude toward the Gospel message."—Letter from Dr. Leonard Wilbur.

DENNIS GOODSELL

Rev. Dennis Goodsell, known through the state and beloved for his ministry in ten counties, passed away at his home January 12 after an illness of two days. Mr. Goodsell was in his 87th year, and had been remarkably active and keenly interested in the work of the church up to the very end.

Most of his ministry was in the Northern Conference. Among the churches served were Tulare, Ceres, Murphys, Angels Camp, Lodi, Byron, Pittsburg, and San Juan. Not long ago he and Mrs. Goodsell celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

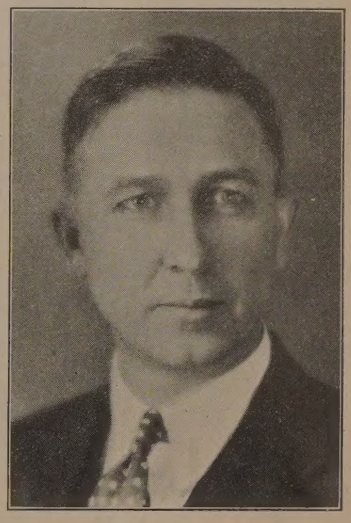
Besides his widow he is survived by two daughters and two sons, Mary B. Goodsell of Berkeley, Ruth E. Goodsell of Escondido, Ralph Goodsell of Oakland, and Fred Field Goodsell of Boston.

Funeral services were conducted in the First Congregational Church of Berkeley by Rev. Fred Morrow and Superintendent Harley H. Gill.

Mr. Goodsell was a regular attendant at the meetings of his own church, of the Association, of the State Conference, and of the various ministers' organizations. He was frequently called on for prayer, not merely as a mark of respect but because of the deep spiritual nature that possessed him. It is doubtful whether any living minister goes back in service to an earlier date than 1882, when Mr. Goodsell came to California. He will be greatly missed in our circles, and yet his going is the fulfilment of a life rich, beautiful, and altogether useful.

H. V. White Returns

Northern California is delighted to welcome back into its fellowship, even for a brief period, Rev. Hugh Vernon White, D. D., Ph. D., secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. "Vernon," as he is known to most of us, was born in Sacramento, grew up in northern California, graduated from the University



Rev. Hugh Vernon White

of California and the Pacific School of Religion, and holds his doctor's degree from Stanford. He also had graduate work at Harvard and served one of our Congregational churches in New Hampshire. Following a period with the Hawaiian Board and then as pastor of the First Christian Church of Honolulu, he was called to our Stockton church and during his eight years there became a leader in our entire fellowship. From Stockton he was called to the position with the American Board, and given as his particular task the restatement of the philosophy of missions in the light of development of religious thought and present world conditions.

Most of his time has been devoted to writing and to speaking in colleges, theological seminaries, and to ministers' convocations.

Last June he returned from a ten-months' trip around the world, seeing our mission work at first hand that he might more intelligently interpret it. He has been the Hyde lecturer at Andover-Newton Seminary, and lecturer on missions at Chicago Theological Seminary.

His schedule in northern California is not yet complete, but will include as many of our churches as the eighteen days of his stay will permit.

Personal devotional material for Lenten use this year has been graded to three groups—children, young people, and adults. The first, "Thoughts of God for Boys and Girls" has been prepared by the Connecticut Council of Churches and Religious Education, "Lenten Devotions for Young People" by Paul Simpson McElroy, and "The Fellowship of Prayer" by Willard L. Sperry. Copies are available at Pacific Book Service, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco, the first two at five cents each, and the "Fellowship of Prayer" at two cents per copy.

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THANK OFFERING OVER TOP

Herewith are listed Thank Offering receipts from the women's organizations during the year 1936 in comparison with 1935. A gain of $116.00 was made. Twenty-five per cent goes for the support of Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Wilbur in China and seventy-five per cent for our own northern California project and, as noted in another column, because of the increase an additional task will be undertaken during the coming year. The Thank Offering comes from the free gifts of the women and does not apply on the apportionment of the local churches, but is included in the state total and appears in the "miscellaneous" item at the bottom of the list, in another column.

	1936	1935
Alameda	$ 50.00	$ 40.00
Benicia	22.90	12.88
Berkeley, First	94.56	86.26
North	41.72	46.41
Campbell	10.00	....
Cloverdale	....	1.50
Cotati	10.00	12.83
Eureka	43.58	34.68
Ferndale	4.40	7.85
Fresno, First	40.00	42.20
Hayward	25.00	25.00
Kenwood	....	4.70
Lodi, First	26.36	10.70
Loomis	6.50	....
Murphy	7.50	5.00
Oakland, Bethany	5.00	5.00
Calvary	....	11.50
First	153.40	101.83
Fruitvale	6.75	7.50
Pilgrim	7.00	2.00
Plymouth	13.62	14.37
Oroville	10.37	15.00
Pacific Grove	21.00	38.90
Palo Alto	80.19	57.25
Paradise	10.75	10.70
Petaluma	50.09	50.03
Pittsburg	33.35	22.83
Redwood City	19.50	35.72
Ripon	7.10	12.25
Sacramento	14.30	22.36
Salida	3.05	4.06
San Francisco—		
Bethany, Miss. Park	48.35	20.40
Calvary Armenian	1.00	....
First	100.00	100.00
San Jose	25.00	45.00
San Leandro	9.36	6.85
San Mateo	55.00	21.82
Santa Cruz	42.58	30.91
Saratoga	17.35	33.00
Sebastopol	17.11	15.83
Sonoma	6.50	14.20
Stockton	31.85	30.73
Sunnyvale	13.51	5.00
Tulare	15.00	13.78
Weaverville	....	8.00
Individual	2.00	....
TOTALS	$ 1,202.60	$ 1,086.83

ELLEN H. SARGENT

Miss Ellen H. Sargent, sister of the late and well beloved Rev. Benjamin Sargent, passed away on January 27. Had she lived she would have reached her 92nd birthday on April 3. She attended Mt. Holyoke Seminary and then for thirty years was a primary teacher in Chicago. Throughout her life she was deeply interested in missionary and other church work. Her home had been in Berkeley for the past eighteen years. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Pierson Parker of North Church. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Julia S. Visher of Conner, Montana.

1936 AHEAD

The story of the giving of northern California churches for the years 1936 and 1935 is presented herewith. As noted in another column, there is a gain of $702.94. A careful comparison of the giving will indicate that 49 churches made increases, four remained stationary, and 36 decreased their giving. The Thank Offering is all included in the miscellaneous item, for the Thank Offering is not credited to the churches on their apportionment. Contributions to Religious Work at the University of California, and to the Special Deficit Fund when individuals so requested it, have been credited to the churches. These figures do not include gifts sent directly to the treasuries of the American Board and the Home Board. Such contributions will appear in the totals published in the Year Book next summer.

Church	1936	1935
Adin	$ 122.54	$ 150.00
Alameda	600.00	636.12
Alturas	42.49	26.38
Angels Camp	100.00	105.00
Antioch	45.20	43.06
Auburn	50.00	50.00
Benicia	55.00	40.00
Berkeley, First	7,117.50	6,930.67
Kensington	....	10.00
North	644.29	786.10
Park	80.71	101.74
Campbell	300.00	300.00
Ceres	113.41	40.00
Cloverdale	73.76	86.73
Cotati	67.41	48.92
Crockett	53.63	100.00
Etna	12.00	....
Eureka	337.25	312.81
Fairfax	25.00	40.00
Ferndale	320.54	275.49
Fowler	12.00	10.00
Fresno, First	740.99	658.21
Free Cross	....	10.00
Japanese	10.00	10.00
Pilgrim	135.00	136.23
Third German	50.00	....
Zion	30.00	25.00
Glen Ellen	2.27	....
Grass Valley	15.00	20.00
Guerneville	....	1.50
Hayfork	5.85	....
Hayward	158.50	150.00
Kenwood	60.22	80.70
Lewiston	1.50	....
Likely	12.95	5.00
Lockeford	2.50	18.00
Lodi, First	913.23	950.80
Loomis	45.00	62.92
Martinez	286.36	245.92
Murphy	46.00	40.00
Niles	10.00	27.20
Oakland, Bethany	37.00	35.00
First	4,879.34	4,881.06
Fruitvale	32.00	21.50
Japanese	5.00	....
Pilgrim	32.15	13.50
Plymouth	804.12	729.96
Oroville	182.00	145.00
Pacific Grove	462.03	457.07
Palo Alto	1,525.00	1,561.87
Paradise	151.71	222.71
Penn Grove	5.52	....
Pescadero	2.00	....
Petaluma	665.11	704.95
Pittsburg	122.88	49.59
Port Chicago	6.00	2.35
Porterville	150.00	105.00
Redwood City	750.00	560.00
Reedley, Finnish	30.00	25.00
Rio Vista	....	20.00
Ripon	143.98	105.00
Sacramento	643.29	704.41
Salida	19.95	50.00
San Carlos	50.00	50.00
San Francisco—		
Bethany Miss. Park	475.33	446.94
Calvary	....	32.00
Chinese	20.00	20.37
First	1,584.99	1,583.54
Ocean View	50.00	45.92
Richmond	43.53	28.00
San Jose	707.00	775.00
San Leandro	97.85	102.73
San Lorenzo	....	5.00
San Mateo	250.00	295.00
San Rafael	20.00	15.06
Santa Cruz	830.00	891.09
Santa Rosa	199.60	237.50
Saratoga	503.66	505.00
Sebastopol	271.23	304.35
Sonoma	85.94	100.00
Soquel	100.00	67.00
Stockton	651.60	620.86
Suisun	76.13	76.00
Sunnyvale	54.94	43.00
Sunol	20.00	....
Tulare	359.80	300.00
Weaverville	116.94	93.30
Woodside	33.86	25.00
Reno, Nev.	444.45	417.57
Miscellaneous	2,026.63	1,709.02
TOTALS	$32,420.66	$31,717.72

SHERWOOD EDDY AND MAUDE ROYDEN COMING

With Kathleen Norris, the eminent American novelist as chairman, the Emergency Peace Campaign will draw to a climax in San Francisco on the evening of February 11 when Maude Royden, England's greatest woman preacher and Sherwood Eddy, famed speaker, are presented at a great mass meeting to be held in Dreamland Auditorium.

The Emergency Peace Campaign's drive to avoid war has already enlisted the aid of nearly every social, educational, religious and cultural agency in the United States.

The meeting begins at 8:00 p. m. and general admission is free. A reserved section, 25 cents per seat, will be held until 8:00 p. m.

The annual business meeting of the Bay Association will be held at 4:30 in the afternoon, following which the ministers and delegates will have dinner at nearby restaurants and then attend the meeting at Dreamland Auditorium.

SUN-TAN TREATMENTS

"The other day was the birthday of baby Ch'en, the current hospital baby. His mother died when he was several months old, and his father felt safer with him here than in the charge of a nurse-maid. We are glad to have him for he gives the nurses training in caring for normal babies, and shows the visitors that babies don't need to be carried all the time, that regular hours are good for them, and that air and sunlight are not inevitably and immediately fatal, as so many seem to think. Sunlight is a very essential element in the treatment of several common diseases, and I often prescribe it, but, for some strange reason, although the hospital sun seems very effective, none of the outpatients ever get tanned. I had one woman assure me that she knew all about the sun treatment, and had sunned all summer without relief, but she nearly raised the roof when we put her outside and really gave her some sunlight." — Letter from Dr. Leonard Wilbur.

NEWS FROM THE PRICES

Friends of Rev. and Mrs. James H. Price will be delighted to know that they have accepted leadership at the Congregational church in Escondido and began work on January 15. Rev. James W. Price, the father, becomes the successor of his son at Garvanza Church, Los Angeles, as he did some years ago at the Fairfax Church in our own Conference. The Pacific sends greetings to both father and son in their new fields of work.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE ACTIVE

The young people of Plymouth House at University of California are engaged in a membership campaign, in which it is hoped that 100 new students will be enlisted in the program of the house. Paul Baldwin, program chairman for Asilomar last year, has been appointed student assistant at Plymouth House. New officers for the semester have been elected. The annual entertainment is scheduled for March 5, which will feature music and drama, including three one-act plays.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, February 11 — 4:30 p. m. Bay Association business meeting, First Church, San Francisco; 8:00 p. m. Peace meeting addressed by Sherwood Eddy and Maude Royden at Dreamland Auditorium.

July 24-31—Annual Conference, Pilgrim Fellowship of Northern California, Asilomar.

Still With Thee

By Silas W. Mack,
For Church Roll Call.

Still, still with Thee!
The vibrant morning breaketh,
When from a night's sound rest,
With youthful vigor press'd,
To seek some worthy task,
My soul awaketh.

Still, still with Thee!
In mid-day's heat and passion;
When toils and cares perplex,
While unsolved problems vex,
I to Thy will conform,
My life to fashion.

Still, still with Thee!
Three score and ten I reckon.
I sense God's guiding hand
And strive for things that stand
In living fabric wrought,
When I'm forgotten.

Still, still with Thee!
Though dark'ning clouds may gather;
They serve but to enhance
Silver and gold expanse,
Where earth and Heaven meet,
My last endeavor.

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we train them and then we lose them. These summer conferences must become laboratories for training youth for work in local communities, and enrichment of their lives for definite service. There should be a conference within easy reach, at not too great a cost for everyone.

5. An equal emphasis of the emotional with the intellectual, not in the old-time evangelistic way, but with the presentation of truth in the teachings of Jesus as applied to present, every-day living. Get conviction of truth and you get conversion to a way of life, and then service will eventually follow.

6. Recognize the value of the small church and the training of its children. Many of our capable workers and many large givers of today were trained in the smaller churches. We must not overlook the larger churches, but we must more concernedly recognize and cooperate with the smaller ones.

7. Our benevolences must come from an appreciation of the opportunities at hand of revealing the way of life to the multitudes, of revealing the strategic points of advantage and wonderful opportunities for investment of time, talent, and money. The passion for soul saving must be the inspiring and dominating force. We must reveal these situations to an unknowing and unthinking and an unappreciative multitude of church members who are not responding, and try by dominating presentation through intellectual and emotional appeal and vivid portrayal to awaken them to the need and opportunity. The heart must be won that the head and hand may respond to the Master's command: "Go and teach all nations."

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MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

PALO ALTO. The reports at the annual meeting, January 13, showed a prosperous year in all departments. Extensive repairs and renovations of the building had been made during the summer at an expense of $2,000. New hymnals have been purchased for the church school. The church enters 1937 with a balance in the treasury after meeting all bills and apportionments, and with funds in sight for an increased budget. It is many years since this church has had a dollar of debt resting upon it. It was voted to restore a cut that had been made the year before in the pastor's salary; also to make a substantial increase in the budgeted amount for benevolence to conform to the Conference plan for a forward movement. Link's book, "The Return to Religion," has been used by Rev. W. B. Thorp as the basis of a series of recent sermons.

SANTA CRUZ. At the annual meeting a special table was reserved for those who had been members of the church more than fifty years. There were nine such persons. According to the report of the clerk the average morning congregation for the year was 250 and at the evening picture service about 500. Rev. H. S. Mahood, pastor, reported 3,162 church calls, of which more than half were on persons who were sick and shut in. He conducted 127 funerals and 66 weddings.

WOODSIDE. This church has called as pastor, for a year, Mr. George William MacCracken, who will begin his duties at once. Mr. MacCracken is a graduate of Hartford Theological Seminary and has taken graduate work at Pacific School of Religion. He has had preaching experience in Iowa and served last summer in student summer work in Montana. During recent months he has been on the religious education staff of Plymouth Church, Oakland.

PACIFIC GROVE. The Women's Association is rejoicing in having all bills paid and a balance in the treasury as a result of the cash pledge system, which, at the beginning of the year was substituted for suppers, food sales, and other means of raising money. A watch-night and week of prayer were observed by union services of the Peninsula churches. Rev. John H. Hunter is pastor.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. Illness interrupted the program of the church during January, but the annual meeting has been held and officers elected. Rev. Harvey V. Miller has completed his first year of service. The financial situation of the church has been greatly improved, congregations are larger, and the activities of the church are in a healthy condition.

OROVILLE. Mrs. Elmer G. Brinkmeyer, wife of the pastor, preached on January 10, while her husband was ill with influenza. The town has been blanketed with snow but little damage has been done to the orange trees. The church is looking forward to celebrating its eighty-fifth anniversary on April 17 and 18.

FRESNO, PILGRIM. Rev. M. G. Papazian, after a year spent with the Presbyterian Church at West New York, has returned and continues his work at the Pilgrim Church. During his absence the pulpit was very efficiently cared for by Rev. A. A. Goergizian.

STOCKTON. The church is still rejoicing in the successful completion of the Redemption Campaign for $11,000 of accumulated deficits. Fifteen new members were received into the church at a Victory Service. 1936 marked an increase in missionary giving, in attendance at church services and Sunday school, and in general church interest. The church cooperated in a series of meetings of the Emergency Peace Campaign with Dr. Allan Knight Chalmers of New York as speaker. Rev. Noel J. Breed has given a series of reviews of outstanding books and a discussion of current events on alternating weeks at the evening service.

PORTERVILLE. The contract has been let for restoring the main church auditorium and rearranging the rooms of the ground floor in order to provide a more workable housing for the program of religious education. Financial campaign is under way for the building fund. Congregations continue to increase in spite of weather and much illness.

Friends of Rev. and Mrs. John H. Gregg are extending their sympathy because of the death of their infant son a short time after birth.

PITTSBURG. The financial canvass was the most successful in years, with fifty new subscribers making pledges of over $1,000, which put the budget "over the top" for 1937. Gifts to World Service were increased by 80 per cent. At the annual meeting, the Women's Auxiliary reported $350 in the treasury, and the church itself had all bills paid and $157 surplus. Rev. Elmer W. Benedict is planning a seminar on Creative Worship during Lent.

AUBURN. A very substantial increase in the budget of the church has been raised in a recent every member canvass. The young people of the Auburn and Loomis churches meet together each Sunday night, alternating between the two places. The attendance is from 25 to 30. Rev. H. J. Loken, who has been residing at Loomis, will probably move to Auburn within a few weeks.

SAN CARLOS. The every member canvass has been completed and shows an increase in pledges over the previous year of some two hundred dollars. Church attendance has been more stable, particularly during the summer months. It is planned by the Junior Matron organization to redecorate the inside of the building, including new drapes. Rev. Alden Read is pastor.

NILES. The reception to the new minister, Rev. R. C. Day, has been most cordial and cooperation in his program satisfactory. The Sunday school is well manned by teachers and the attendance is improving. A choir of young people has been started. Several new families are cooperating and give promise of being active members.

SEBASTOPOL. A friendly fireside service is being used on Sunday evenings under the leadership of Rev. George E. Atkinson, pastor. People gather about the fireplace and after a devotional service the lights are turned out and the meditation is given in the glow of the fire and the candles on the mantel.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. A large circulating heater has been installed to supplement the furnace. At the annual meeting there was an excellent spirit and fine reports. The church has voted the following program for the coming year: every member a supporter; every member secure a supporter; every member win a new member. The forum during January discussed: America First in the Beauty of the Home; America First in Public Education; America First in Social Security; America First in Citizenship. Rev. J. B. Orr is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. This church is offering to the children of the community a unique and helpful religious church school opportunity under trained leadership. Hand work and craft classes are provided, and also religious devotional services. The cost of this work has been provided by the business men of the Mission District in response to an appeal by Rev. D. W. Throckmorton. Mr. Harold Stromberg has been elected moderator of the Bethany Mission Park wing of the church.

FOWLER ARMENIAN. Rev. S. M. Albarian, who has been very effectively carrying forward the work of this church for the past two years, has resigned and is being succeeded on February 1 by Rev. A. A. Goergizian, who for the past year has supplied the Pilgrim Church in Fresno. Mr. Goergizian will live in Fowler and will be the first full-time resident minister in that field for a number of years.

ADIN. Rev. A. W. Monosmith had the not very pleasant experience of getting stuck in a snowdrift on the streets of Bieber, and that while a blizzard was raging and drifting the snow as rapidly as it could be dug out. At a funeral service a sled and team were used as a hearse and the minister and pall bearers had to walk through knee-deep snow to the cemetery.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. The fifteenth anniversary of the organization of the church was observed on Sunday, January 31, Superintendent Harley H. Gill preaching the sermon. The Men's Club attended in a body and former members and friends were present. Repairs and improvements are being made in the hall which was the original church building. Rev. J. H. McCartney is the pastor.

LODI. One hundred fifty people were present at the annual dinner, at which the new pastor, Rev. A. R. Boone, and his family were welcomed. Mrs. P. O. Rinde who has given signal service to the church as treasurer for 21 years, was presented with a birthday cake with 21 lighted candles. The church faces the new year free from debt.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce was speaker on the Western Church of the Air over the Columbia network on Sunday, January 31, from 2:00 to 2:30, the members of his own choir furnishing music. Stations at Spokane, Tacoma, Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, and Los Angeles were linked together in this broadcast.

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ANGELS CAMP. Paper plates and stickers were given out to about a hundred persons by the ladies a year ago, with instructions to paste a dime on the plate on each of fifteen holidays, the money to go for benevolences. A hundred and ten dollars has come in and the 1937 apportionment of $125.00 will be paid in full in February, the second month of the new year. Three new members were received as a result of the Preaching Mission. Last year ended without financial deficit. Rev. Glenn H. Corbin is pastor.

ALTURAS. At the annual meeting it was decided to increase the budget of the church by $500, and at the present writing that goal is practically in sight. The pastor's salary has been increased. It is hoped that repairs on the foundations of the parsonage and the church may soon be made. A number of new members have been elected to the Board of Trustees. One Sunday evening service a month is planned, sponsored by the men of the town and the Rotary Club. Fifty copies of the New Pilgrim Hymnal have been secured. Rev. J. K. Ballou is pastor.

BERKELEY, FIRST. An Academy of Religion and Life is being arranged by Rev. James E. Enman for the church, to be held Wednesday evening, February 10 to March 17, inclusive. The general theme is "The Application of Christianity to the Thought and Life of Today." An upper room series of devotional services will be held Holy Week under the theme "Adjusting Our Lives to the Lord of Life."

RIPON. The annual supper and business meeting was held January 21. About seventy attended the meeting which was opened by a short talk by the pastor. Reports of various committees were distributed. New officers were elected. Rev. Everett L. Spuller was re-elected pastor. W. C. Filloon was made Deacon Emeritus, and R. C. Shipley, Junior Deacon. Miss Florence McKaig was the musician for the evening.

FRESNO, FIRST. Rev. Norman B. Henderson, pastor, is spending a few weeks of rest in the Stanford Hospital, San Francisco. Thus far the pulpit has been supplied by Superintendent Harley H. Gill, Field Secretary E. T. Sherman, and Rev. James E. Enman.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON AVENUE HOUSE. Two new classes have been formed in the Church School, and teachers added to the staff, which increases the effectiveness of the program and gives a better adjustment as to ages and interest. Mr. Roland C. M. Fiske is director.

ANTIOCH. The budget for 1937 is oversubscribed, and a balance was reported by the treasurer for 1936. An increase in salary has been granted the pastor, Rev. W. R. Steininger.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Mrs. W. C. Blasdale

The Executive Meeting of the Federation is held the third Thursday of each month at 10:15 a. m., in the First Congregational Church, Oakland, unless otherwise stated.

FOURTEEN YEARS

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Federation was held at the First Congregational Church of Alameda, January 20 and 21. In addition to the reports of officers and secretaries, an enriching program had been prepared by Mrs. L. H. Richards, Mrs. W. W. Ferrier, and Mrs. T. E. Borden. Between the sessions there was opportunity for fellowship and for the leaders of church groups to inspect the literature, covering all phases of our church work, supplied by the Conference office.

Reports from the Associational presidents and the secretaries were most cheering. More churches than ever before are using the planned devotional services and the prepared missionary programs; all but two of the sixty-two churches given quotas filled them; rallies resulted in deepened spiritual life and in better preparation for guiding the activities of the local groups; faithful work of the women helped greatly in meeting the apportionment and the local expenses of many of the churches; and the Thank Offering was larger than it has ever been, amounting to $1,202.60. As this is somewhat larger than the amount designated for Trinity County and the special work in North China, it was voted that the surplus be used for a much needed local project, namely, children's work through Grace-United Church, San Francisco.

The program included addresses by Rev. D. W. Throckmorton and Rev. Walter Morritt, both of San Francisco, who brought fresh impressions of international affairs from their study in Europe during the past summer. Mrs. Robert Bowen of Los Angeles discussed "Loyalty to Our Congregational Heritage," and Mrs. Frank J. Greene presented the subject, "Worship Through Drama." After the election and installation of officers, the president, Mrs. A. V. Dunn, conducted a beautiful service in memory of two beloved members who, during the year entered the other room of the Father's house, Mrs. Harley H. Gill and Mrs. Norman B. Henderson.

"LOYALTY TO OUR HERITAGE"

In speaking on this subject, Mrs. Robert Bowen noted the spirit of adventure that lay behind us in the lives of our Puritan ancestors, the courage which enabled them to brave great hardships and endure sacrifice that they might worship God as they thought right, and zeal for education which caused them to found schools and colleges, their stern sense of justice, and their earnest and constant search for truth. These were characteristics of Congregationalists from the beginning. "Have we the adventurous spirit, the courage, the conviction, making us worthy of this heritage," she asks, "or have we lost sight of the real reason for the church, or failed in our practice of Christian living?" A technique of living the Christian life is necessary. The spiritual life will not thrive unnourished. It must be nourished — by prayer, by meditation, by reading and study of the noble works of literature, by memorizing beautiful poems, and by living, in word and act, the principles of our faith. Such a technique will make radiant Christians whose religion will be contagious and whose zeal will be worthily directed.

SOCIAL ACTION AND MISSIONS

Mrs. J. M. Burk, secretary of Social Action, in her annual report spoke in part as follows: "Women have been in the past, and are increasingly so in the present, a strong influence in the church, and if they become intelligent concerning the Social Action program then that program has been well launched. There is no force greater in our lives than the force of public opinion, and when this opinion is Christian public opinion, social problems will be accorded Christian interpretation and Christian solution.

Social Action is a part of the missionary program of the church. Due to changing world conditions and changing Christian interpretation of daily living, it has now achieved greater prominence in a program of which it has always been a part. It is because of our missionary education at home and abroad that we have become concerned with the adaptation of Christian teaching to daily living, and this work has emerged with a name—Social Action—but it is still fundamentally the missionary program.

During the first three years the work of this department was largely exploratory. World peace, compulsory military training, social security, cooperatives, migrant labor, and other social problems were studied. There was no definite motivation, but with the Peace Plebescite there came the group motive. The value of this plebescite was not so much in the outcome of the vote as in the fact that a million church people were thinking of and discussing the issues that bear on war and peace. The value of such a discussion does not stop when the vote has been taken.

The state committee and the Federation chairman stand ready at all times to assist in the organization of local committees, and in suggestions for programs.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

The fellowship dinner was a delightful occasion although the attendance was smaller than in other years. Sickness in many of the homes and several annual church meetings kept many away. Rev. Gail Cleland gave the after dinner address, discussing the attitude of Russia toward Christianity. He spoke of the Soviet social program, which has developed a spirit of cooperation, and of social solidarity in which each works for the good of all. The materialistic atheism is the most serious development in the country. The Russians seem to have lost the historical setting and values of Christianity, and to regard its philosophy as purely idealistic. They have therefore gone to the other extreme and adopted the philosophy of pure materialism. They honestly think they are building a new world and are happy in that belief and in living for it. The state is their god.

"We are rather anxious as to what the result of rapidly rising prices will be. The principal articles of food are going up like rockets. To the extent that the farmers profit from this, it is hard to regret, but it will mean inevitable suffering for many thousands and of course increased difficulties for the hospital."—Letter from Dr. Leonard Wilbur.

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WORSHIP THROUGH DRAMA

"Drama as a fine art should be used in the program of worship of every church, and may be made as effective as the ministry of preaching or of music," so stated Mrs. Frank J. Greene in her address at the annual meeting. "Beauty, especially of architecture, music, liturgy, or dramatic expression, is now, as it always has been, the servant of worship if rightly used." Quoting Dr. Fosdick, "We cannot leave to the monopoly of secularism an agency of beauty so able to serve the spiritual life as drama." Continuing, she said that the religious life must be nourished emotionally as well as intellectually, man must feel as well as think, and the reverent use of dramatic art in our churches may be trusted to capture the imagination and arouse the emotions and lift the heart nearer to God.

Many "don'ts" as well as "dos" must be heeded if dramatic work is undertaken, details of technique make or mar any production, and it must always be remembered that the first and foremost aid of church dramatics is the service of worship.

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WHAT ABOUT SPAIN?

No citizen of democratic America can read the front page dispatches on Spain appearing day after day, week after week, in his newspaper without being stirred by pity and injustice. The wastes of war in terms of human suffering seem more than one nation can bear. What is America's part in that waste? in that suffering? We all earnestly wish that we knew the answers. Our knowledge seems less, even, than our feeling in the matter, and our concern is less than human justice would demand.

To answer these question, the current number of SCIAL ACTION is devoted to a discussion of Spain's present problems. The history of the long struggle of democracy against feudalism is vividly drawn, the place of the church, of the land questions, of the over-officered army, of representative government—their contribution to the present crisis is made plain. Mr. Herring's recent visit to Spain lends first-hand authority to his discussion, in this pamphlet, of the elected government now in jeopardy. This is the kind of information upon which Christian people can base intelligent opinion. "Feeling" we are bound to have; adequate information may make valid our emotional response. Certainly both elements are necessary for adequate action.

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